

## PRACTICE TIMED WRITING PROMPTS: summer 2011

Give yourself exactly 45 minutes to write an essay in response to one of the following prompts. YOU MUST HANDWRITE YOUR ESSAY. Please do any pre-writing (planning, listing, brainstorming, outlining) on this sheet. Be sure to hand in this sheet with your completed essay. Your practice timed writing must be completed before class on Tuesday 6/28 and handed in to me at the beginning of class that day.

Choice #1: Some people prefer to live in the quiet of the country; others prefer the constant activity of the city. Which do you prefer? Support your position with specific reasons and examples.

Choice #2: To be punctual means to always be on time. Choose a context (university classes, work, social life, etc) and explain, using examples, the reasons why being punctual is important in this context.

Choice #3: Discuss a major change that has occurred in your country in the last 30 to 50 years. Is this change for the better or worse? Be sure to support your ideas with specific explanations and relevant details.

Choice #4: Do you agree or disagree with the idea that *competition for high grades seriously limits the quality of learning at all levels*? Be sure to support your ideas with specific explanations and relevant details.